(c) the number of women benefited from this Scheme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) Rashtriya Mahila Kosh provides loans to women. A statement on the loans to organisations in Tamil Nadu is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The organisations on lends the loan amount to poor women for income generation activities.

(c) Number of women beneficiaries identified during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 is 15490 and 3093 respectively.

Statement

Loans to organisations under national women fund in Tamil Nadu

Name of the District	No. of NGOs	1993-94 Credit limit to be benefitted Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of Women
MADRAS	2	105.25	13,850
DINDIGUL	1	7.00	310
MADURAI	1	7.98	1,330
			15,490
	1994-95		
MADRAS	2	35.00	1,420
TIRUCHIRAPALLI	1	6.75	270
DHARMAPURI	1	22.00	803
GUDDALORE	1	5.00	600
			3,093

Membership verification of Unions of Geological Survey of India

2488. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to carry out membership verification of unions operating in Geological Survey of India and if so, by when the verificatioin process is likely to be completed; and

(b) if no, verification is carried out, whether all unions can function as if they are recognised under the now Recognition Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. GSI being a Central Government Organisation is required to be guided by the new recognition rules which inter-alia provides membership verificatioin of Unions under check-off system. GSI is a field oriented organisation and its offices are scattered in all parts of the country and obviously collection of data from these offices requires more time. This is likely to be completed by 31.3.96.

(b) No, Sir.

गोंड जाति को आरक्षित श्रेणी में रखे जाने में असमानताएं

2489. **श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ अन्य जातियों सहित गोंड जाति को मध्य प्रदेश में अनुसूचित जनजाति श्रेणी में शामिल किया गया है जबकि अन्य राज्यों में इस जाति को सामान्य श्रेणी, पिछड़े वर्ग अथवा अनुसूचित जाति श्रेणी में शामिल किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) (क) जी, हां।

(ख) किसी राज्य के सम्बन्ध में अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति अथवा अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग के रूप में किसी जाति/जनजाति का विनिर्देशन, जैसा भी मामला हो, इसके सामाजिक-आर्थिक परिस्थितियों पर निर्भर होता है जो एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में और यहां तक कि एक राज्य के भीतर एक क्षेत्र से दूसरे क्षेत्र मे भिन्न होती है।

Revival of IISCO

2490. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAIL was asked not to bid for the revival of IISCO, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Since Indian Iron and Steel Company Ltd. (IISCO) became a sick industrial company in terms of the sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (as amended in February, 1994) a reference was made by the Board of Directors of (IISCO) to BIFR on 22nd June, 1994, as required under Section 15 of the Act, for determination of measures to be adopted with respect to the company.

Any schemes to be taken up for modernisation of IISCO will, therefore, have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

Koel Karo Project in Bihar

2491. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of the Koel Karo Project;

(b) the time by when this project is likely to be completed;

(c) whether some party leaders during the course of the "save Koel Karo" agitation, have gone on indefinite hunger strike to stall the construction work of this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Koel Karo Hydro-electric Project (710 MW) is presently estimated to cost Rs. 2,400 crores.

(b) Due to paucity of funds, it has not been possible for the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to start work on the project or fix a target for its completion.

(c) to (e) There have been reports in the press indicating some opposition to the project. However, since constructioin works have not started, the question of stalling the same does not arise at present.

Allotment of shops on Licence Fee Basis

2492. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has been allotting shops on Licence fee only instead of on tenders which is the usual prescribed procedure; and

(b) if so, how many shops have been allotted on licence fee only, to whom those shops have allotted, the reasons for violating the laid down procedures and the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) 64 shops/stalls lying vacant have been allotted during 1989-1995 at economic licence fee to widows, physically handicapped persons, educated unemployed persons, ladies, social workers, freedom fighters, sports persons, members of SC/ST/Minority/ Backward community and on compassionate grounds as the earlier attempts to auction some of the shops did not evoke adequate response.

खाद्यान्नों, दालों, तिलहनों आदि की अतिरिक्त आवश्यकता

2493. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अगले दशक के दौरान देश की खाद्यान्नों की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए खाद्यान्नों के वर्तमान उत्पादन के अतिरिक्त कम से कम 50 मिलियन टन खाद्यान्नों, 9 मिलियन टन दालों और 12 मिलियन टन तिलहनों के उत्पादन की आवश्यकता है;